GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SCREENING TESTS FOR DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Indian doctors going to US or UK have to appear for screening tests before practising there;

(b) if so, whether Indian Government are also considering to make the screening tests necessary for foreign-educated doctors coming to the country on the same line;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a large number of students, who have passed from unrecognised medical colleges abroad, have been applying to Medical Council of India (MCI) for registration;

(e) if so, whether the MCI propose to frame some new regulations for registration of doctors; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

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As per information available with the Government, the Indian doctors going to U.S.A. and U.K. have to appear in the USMLE and PLAB tests respectively before registration in those countries.

The Medical Council of India has been receiving a number of applications from foreign educated Indian doctors, particularly from C.I.S. countries, having unrecognised undergraduate medical qualifications. The Government will introduce a Bill in the current session of Parliament to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 for introducing Screening tests for Indian citizens holding medical qualifications from any foreign country before their registration with the Medical Council of India/State Medical Councils.